

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraphs as noted below:

(Page 6, line 19) The present invention provides an improved **[[a]]** trade system, including allowing amendment of a purchase order agreement, providing buyer credit monitoring or facilitating providing buyer credit assurance, facilitating providing financing or advance payment for sellers, and providing cargo insurance.

(Page 27, line 10) The data storage device 110 of the server computer 102 comprises a trade program 112 comprising a trade database 116 and a purchase order agreement amendment program 114. As shown in FIG. 1, the trade database 116 is included within the server computer 102, but embodiments are contemplated in which the trade database 116 is located elsewhere and accessible by the server computer 102. The trade program 112 and trade database 116 are intended to include, but not be limited to including, all of the programming and data for carrying out, in various embodiments, some or all of the functions of the Full Service Trade System, as summarized broadly above with regard to the stages of a transaction, and as disclosed in greater detail in the Full Service Trade System Patent and Applications. The purchase order agreement amendment program 114 is intended to represent programming necessary, within the trade program 112 **[[114]]**, for carrying out purchase order agreement amendment functions, as described in detail below, and the trade database 116 is intended to include all of the data necessary for carrying out purchase order agreement amendment functions. Although the purchase order agreement amendment program 114 is depicted conceptually as a unit within the trade program 112, it is to be understood that the purchase order agreement amendment program 114 may comprise programming that is incorporated as part of the programming of the trade program 112 itself, or may be a modular component thereof.

(Page 35, line 4) At step 604, the trade program 502 receives and stores in the trade database 506 electronic evidence that the seller has performed in connection with fulfilling the seller's obligations as defined by the purchase order agreement. This step may represent the seller or other party entering in data to be stored in the trade database 506 **[[116]]**, such as electronic forms or documents, indicating or proving that the seller has shipped goods to the buyer, the type and quantity of the goods, etc. Step 604 comprises the system 500

performing fulfillment stage functions, as disclosed in detail in the Full Service Trade System Patents and Applications

(Page 40, line 22) FIG. 9 is a block diagram of a distributed computer system 900 according to one embodiment of the invention, depicting a server computer 102 having a seller financing program 904. Many components of the system 900 of FIG. 9 ~~[[5]]~~ have been previously described with reference to system 100 FIG. 1.

(Page 42, line 4) At step 604, the trade program 902 receives and stores in the trade database 906 electronic evidence that the seller has performed in connection with fulfilling the seller's obligations as defined by the purchase order agreement. This step may represent the seller or other party entering in data to be stored in the trade database 906 ~~[[904]]~~, such as electronic forms or documents, indicating or proving that the seller has shipped goods to the buyer, the type and quantity of the goods, etc. Step 604 comprises the system 906 performing fulfillment stage functions, as disclosed in detail in the Full Service Trade System Patents and Applications.

(Page 44, line 22) Further, in some embodiments, the finance provider is allowed continuous access to information stored in the trade database 906 relating to the involved transaction. For example, the finance provider may be able to access the trade database to obtain buyer credit exposure information. In some embodiments, the finance provider's access may be limited, such as by allowing the finance provider only to access certain information about the transaction, while not allowing the finance provider to access information considered immaterial to the finance provider's role. Additionally, the finance provider may be able to access transaction information but not modify the information. Also, the trade system 900 may allow the finance provider to continually obtain frequently updated, real time or almost real time information pertaining to the involved transaction, which up to date information might be difficult or impossible for the finance provider to obtain without the system 900. Furthermore, by the finance provider being incorporated into the system 900, the seller need not go through the trouble of proving to the finance provider, by paper documents or otherwise, information relating to the transaction or to the seller's qualifications. In embodiments of the invention in which payment instructions are provided

by the system 900, the trade program 900 can cause such instructions to indicate that payment, or a portion of it, should be provided to the finance provider instead of the seller.